

### Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 12 and 13 to read as follows.

Claims 1-11 (cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ An inkjet recording apparatus for discharging ink from a recording head to perform recording on ~~a recording sheets by~~ recording means sheet, said recording apparatus comprising:

a platen for guiding the recording sheet, said platen being positioned opposite to the recording head;

a transporting roller for transporting the recording ~~sheets~~ sheet, said transporting roller being positioned upstream of the recording ~~means~~ head relative to the transporting direction;

a proximal discharging roller attached to said platen for transporting the recording ~~sheets~~ sheet, said proximal discharging roller being positioned downstream of the recording ~~means~~ head relative to the transporting direction, said proximal discharging roller having a shaft serving as a center of rotation formed of resin and a rubber roller portion for integrally rotating with said resin shaft to transport the recording ~~sheets~~ sheet;

and

a distal discharging roller ~~disposed~~ attached to said platen for transporting the recording sheet, said distal discharging roller being positioned downstream of said proximal discharging roller relative to the transporting direction, said distal discharging

roller having a shaft serving as a center of rotation formed of metal and a rubber roller portion for integrally rotating with said metal shaft to transport the recording ~~sheets~~ sheet.

13. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ An inkjet recording apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said proximal discharging roller has deviations from a nominal circumference within a first range, and said distal discharging roller has deviations from a nominal circumference within a second range and is of higher precision than said proximal discharging roller in that the second range is less than the first range.